

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: RAJU et al. : Confirmation No.: 2915  
APPLICATION NO.: 10/617,616 : Examiner: Loewe, Sun Jae Y.  
FILING DATE: July 11, 2003 : Group Art Unit: 1626  
TITLE: N-HYDROXYAMIDE DERIVATIVES :  
POSSESSING ANTIBACTERIAL :  
ACTIVITY :

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION

This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed January 2, 2009 with the term for reply of three months, up to and including April 2, 2009. Submitted with this Amendment is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a Petition for an Extension of Time requesting that the period for responding to the Action be extended by two (2) months, up to and including June 2, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims:**

A listing of claims is on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks** begins on page 18 of this document.